proposed to help establish a Tsunami Warning System for the entire Indian Ocean.

(c) The details are being worked out.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Government is setting up a Tsunami and Storm Surges Warning System at an estimated cost of Rs. 125 crores in about $2^1/_2$ years with the following components:

- Strengthening of the existing seismological network to indicate in near real time occurrence of a tsunamigenic earthquake.
- Installation of tsunami warning sensors close to the ocean bottom at appropriate locales in the Indian Ocean, with real time connectivity.
- Tide gauge and data buoys networking.
- Modeling of the inundation scenarios for the entire coast.
- The establishment of a centre for collection of the information, analysis and generating status advisories.

Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas

1781. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to organise Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas once in two years in place of holding it annually as is done presently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the other events that Government plans to organise specifically for PIOs and NRIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Other events would be planned by the Government in due course depending on the need and on the interest evinced by overseas Indians.